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1. Plates for the printing of new money were ordered by the Russians in September or October 1947. The order was cancelled later. The actual printing of money appears improbable since firm has only two guillocheurs and would require three to four months to engrave plates.

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2. Giesecke & Devrient is considered a controversial firm and is subject of much rumor among the Leipzig population.

3. Seventy large steel crates believed to contain new German currency arrived in Potsdam by train on 27 November 1947 and were deposited in the Potsdam City Bank. Full security measures were observed in handling of the crates.

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